REMARKS

Claims 67-73, and 75 -87 are pending in this application. Claims 67, 70, 73, 77, 81, and 85 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview with applicants' representative, Steven Collier on August 2, 2007 during which the art forming the basis of the rejections in the February 22, 2007 Office Action was discussed. In the interview, Applicants' representative agreed to amend the claims to provide a structural description for portion of the microfluidic device in which the biological element was isolated in the isolation step of the claimed method. Such amendments had been provided herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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